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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Charles L. Farinella of Morris, who passed away on July 7, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Farinella was born in Chicago; he graduated from DePaul Academy High School in 1950 and from Kansas State University, where he played on the Wildcat football team, with a master's degree in education; he served in the United States Army during the Korean War; he was a successful amateur boxer in high school and in the military; and

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WHEREAS, Affectionally known as "Chuck" or "Coach", Charles Farinella coached track at Proviso East High School in Maywood from 1966 to 1992; he was head coach from 1973 to 1988; during his time at Proviso East, he coached, mentored, and educated a great number of teens; he coached nearly 100 athletes who placed, won, or left their mark on the Illinois Track Association; his teams won a State title in 1980, placed third in 1976, and placed fourth in 1975 and 1985; and

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WHEREAS, In addition to the State championships, Charles Farinella's athletes won numerous conference titles; his training techniques were considered revolutionary; these

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1 techniques stood the test of time and are commonly used in  
2 athletic programs around the world; his athletes fondly  
3 remember the "Coach Farinella whistle", which he used to  
4 motivate his young men while they competed; one of his most  
5 treasured legacies was coaching Greg Foster, who went on to  
6 become one of the greatest hurdlers in the world; in addition  
7 to creating an indelible mark on high school sports, Greg  
8 Foster won numerous State titles, held many national records  
9 during his high school career, and went on to win medals at the  
10 Olympics and the World Championships in the 110 High Hurdles;  
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12 WHEREAS, Charles Farinella was preceded in death by his  
13 mother, Minnie Farinella, and by one brother, Joseph Farinella;  
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15 WHEREAS, Charles Farinella is survived by his wife of 57  
16 years, Annette (nee Ancona) Farinella; 2 sons, Joseph (Maureen)  
17 and Charles "Chuck" (Sara) Farinella; 2 daughters, Laurie  
18 (Sheldon) Sobol and Carol (Paul) Radek; 7 grandchildren,  
19 Danielle and Anthony Farinella, Jordann and Megan Farinella,  
20 and Reese, Griffin, and Keagan Sobol; one nephew, Michael  
21 (Patty) Farinella; and one niece, Jodi (Jim) Fahrenbach;  
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 Charles L. Farinella, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Charles Farinella as an expression  
7 of our deepest sympathy.